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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001, claims 151-174 and 176-186 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Furthermore, claims 151-153, 156, 159-162, 166-167, 171-172, 174, 178, 180, 182-184, and 186 have been rejected as being anticipated by Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 60-55459 (hereinafter "the '459 Application"). Each rejection is addressed separately below.